

## Faculty and staff input sought for Gallaudet's re-accreditation report

Gallaudet faculty and staff will have the opportunity this month to give input for inclusion in a report that is being prepared for the University's re-accreditation review this April.

Since the spring of 1989, 15 subcommittees, made up of about 110 faculty, staff, and students, have been involved in a self-study of Gal-

laudet, reviewing its goals and programs. The data they collect has gone into a draft report coordinated by Committee S (Academic Quality) of the faculty and Dr. William Moses, chairman of the Theatre Arts Department and special assistant to the provost.

The re-accreditation review is conducted by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA), an arm of the Commission on Higher Education and the major accreditation body for schools of all grade levels in this region of the country. The MSA team looks at all aspects of a school's programs every 10 years and does a second review every five years to ensure that the goals of the 10-year study are being met.

The campus meetings, which will be announced in *On the Green* when the dates and locations are confirmed, represent an opportunity for faculty and staff "to honestly examine what we do well—or what we don't do so well—and how to improve," said Dr. Richard Lytle, an assistant professor in the Department of Education and chairman of Committee S.

"Personally, I'm not worried about Gallaudet becoming re-accredited," said Lytle, who said that Gallaudet did well in its 1981 MSA review. "Therefore, the self-study is a way to lead to change where it is needed and support for the University's goals."

In the upcoming meetings, said Lytle, "I see faculty and staff talking to each other. The easy part [of the re-accreditation process] is to produce a report. The challenge is to engage a large number of faculty and staff in a

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## Health benefits open season set

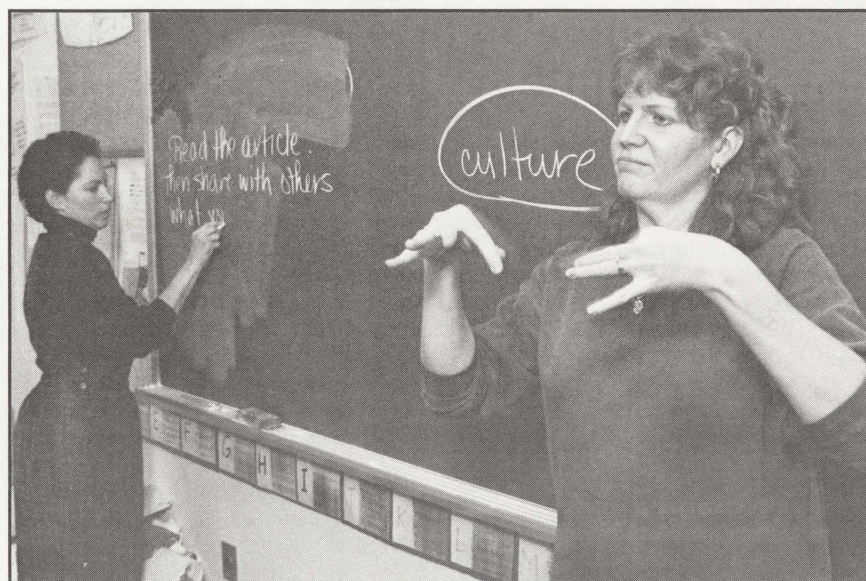
Open season for Federal Employee Health Benefits enrollment will begin Tuesday, Nov. 13, and continue through Dec. 10.

Open season is the time when all regular employees and extended temporaries with one year of service may either change health insurance plans or change options, such as from single to family coverage. This is also when employees may sign up for the first time if they currently do not have health insurance.

The Personnel Office will sponsor a lecture on "How to Choose the Right Health Plan" on Nov. 13 at noon in the Ely Auditorium and at 3 p.m. in the MSSD Orientation Room.

A Health Insurance Plan Fair will be held on Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Ely Multipurpose Room. Representatives from the various plans will be there to answer questions and provide information about their coverage.

More information will be published in upcoming issues of *On the Green*. If you have questions, call the Personnel Office at x5111 or x5352.



Model Secondary School for the Deaf bilingual communication specialist Janet Weinstock (left) and communication specialist Jennifer McMillan teach students the "History of Deaf People" and "Introduction to American Sign Language and Deaf Culture."

## Deaf studies specialists at MSSD describe the program they designed

Gallaudet community members gathered in Ely Auditorium Oct. 24 to learn about the Model Secondary School for the Deaf's classes in deaf studies from two deaf people who designed and teach them: Janet Weinstock, bilingual communication specialist, and Jennifer McMillan, communication specialist. Their presentation was part of the fourth annual Sign Language Lecture Series, sponsored by the Department of Sign Communication.

Weinstock and McMillan teach "History of Deaf People," which is required of all MSSD students, and "Introduction to American Sign Language and Deaf Culture," which is an elective course that both Weinstock and McMillan hope will be required one day. They also have established a library for deaf culture that includes most publications by and about deaf people and deaf community organizations.

In "History of Deaf People," Weinstock and McMillan take their students back to prehistoric times, when people probably used gestures to communicate, they said. They then examine deaf people, the lives they lived, and the educational practices used from the 16th century through today.

Weinstock and McMillan described some of the activities they use to teach both classes, such as having students discuss quotes from noted deaf people, and research and prepare a poster presentation about a deaf person in history.

"Even deaf students with hearing parents have deaf culture, but they're not aware of it," said Weinstock. "We help them become aware of deaf culture. History has proven that having

more knowledge about one's culture makes one stronger."

When Weinstock or McMillan ask students in the ASL class what language means to them, most mention communication or writing but forget to mention sign language, they said. Weinstock and McMillan then suggest that the students include sign in their answers.

Weinstock and McMillan conduct their class discussions in ASL and find that when given a written test in English, some students can't do the test even though they know the material. So Weinstock and McMillan now give students an evaluation in sign language. All the students feel good about the projects required for the course, said McMillan. "Some students sign beautiful ASL but can't write English well. We praise their ASL," she said.

Both teachers want the students to open their minds to new ideas and feel free to express themselves, not to be closed off because they're worrying about writing proper English. But Weinstock does write to students in English, which becomes a model for them and is less threatening than having her mark up their papers, she said. The students can go to their English teacher to improve their English, said Weinstock.

The Sign Language Lecture Series will continue Nov. 26 in Ely Auditorium from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Dr. James ("Matt") Searls, assistant professor of human development and psychological services at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, will speak about "Self-Concept of Deaf and Hearing Students with Deaf Parents." For more information about the lecture series, call Lynn Jacobowitz at x5721 (TDD).



(LEFT) Taking part in the Halloween spirit at "Ole Jim" are (from left) student Mike Atchison, volunteer Polly Peikoff, and Special Assistant to the President Jack Gannon. (RIGHT) Alumni Relations staff Bobbie Boswell and Carol Monigan (at right) give treats to Child Development Center children and staff.







Sherry Duhon (left), assistant coordinator at the Visitors Center, is congratulated on her tenth anniversary at Gallaudet by Mary Louise Stansfield, Visitors Center coordinator.

## Fair offers communication technology

A telecommunications fair set for Tuesday, Nov. 13, will offer the campus community a chance to see the latest communication technology being used at Gallaudet.

The fair is open to faculty, staff, and students and will be held in the Ely Center Multipurpose Room from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Review examines University's goals

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dynamic discussion on the role of the University as it wrestles with issues such as academic excellence, empowerment of deaf people, a diverse student population, and deaf culture."

Copies of the 107-page draft report, which was completed last month, will be distributed to faculty and staff for review before the meetings. Their input will be published as an addendum to the final report, which has to be completed by Feb. 1.

An MSA committee will be on campus from March 31 to April 3 for a site visit, interviews, and to further review the report. MSA will then contact University President I. King Jordan to inform him whether the University is re-accredited, or re-accredited with conditions.



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## Announcements

The School of Communication's Faculty/Staff Forum Series begins Friday, Nov. 9, with a lecture by Elizabeth Winston, an instructor in the Department of Linguistics and Interpreting, entitled "Spatial Referencing and Cohesion in an ASL Lecture." Winston's lecture will be from noon to 1 p.m. in EMG, Rm. 113, and people who attend are invited to bring their lunch.

"Today's Students, Tomorrow's Leaders" is the theme of the Office of Minority Student Affairs' first Minority Student Leadership Conference, which will be held in Ely Center on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The conference will provide a variety of workshops on issues related to the development of student leadership. The registration fee is \$8 for the Gallaudet community and \$10 for others. The fee includes a continental breakfast, lunch, reception, and conference materials. For more information, call Leah Cox, x5155.

A memorial service for The Rev. Daniel Pokorny, a former Lutheran campus chaplain at Gallaudet who died May 30 in St. Louis, Mo., will be held on Monday, Nov. 12, at 4 p.m. in Chapel Hall. In the late 1960s Pokorny became the pastor of two parishes for deaf people in Washington, D.C.—Christ Lutheran Church and St. Mark Lutheran Church. He was Gallaudet's campus chaplain from 1974 to 1980, and during that time, he taught psychology and Greek.

Applications are due Monday, Nov. 12, for faculty and staff members who are interested in becoming involved in the Minority Mentoring Program. The program is offered through the Office of Minority Affairs and matches minority students with faculty and staff to build cultural awareness and form friendships. More information about the program has been distributed to the Gallaudet community through campus mail.

Dr. Mary Malzkunh, an associate professor of government and recipient of the 1990 Distinguished Faculty Award, will present a lecture entitled "Today's Deaf Children's Rights" on Wed., Nov. 14, at 4:30 p.m. in the Ely Center Auditorium. A reception will follow at 5:30 p.m. in "Ole Jim." The campus community is invited.

Dr. Walter Oi, a professor of economics at the University of Rochester and a prominent national speaker on current economic and business issues, will present a lecture to the Gallaudet community on Thursday, Nov. 15, at noon in the Red Room of the University Dining Hall. Oi will speak on "The Americans with Disabilities Act: Access, Accommodation, and Economic Tradeoffs." His talk is part of the Arthur Andersen Lecture Series, organized by the University's School of Management. Everyone interested in attending the lecture is asked to RSVP to Joan Ducko, x5040.

Kelly Butterworth, a Gallaudet graduate and a former photographer in the University's Department of Publications and Production, has been named a member of the United States ski

team for the 1991 Winter Deaf Olympics, scheduled for the first week in March in Banff, Canada. Members of the Gallaudet community who would like to help her raise the \$2,700 necessary to finance her trip to the Olympics can send donations to: Kelly Butterworth Olympic Fund, c/o Davisville Credit Union, Attn. Karen Luchka, 800 Post Road, Davisville, RI 02854.

Radio station WTOP's "Call for Action," a public service for people who need assistance resolving consumer problems, now has a TDD number, (202) 686-5661. The service is available to the public Tuesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and helps consumers find solutions to problems such as billing errors, dissatisfaction with commercial services and products, and frustrations dealing with government bureaucracies.

## Classified Ads

**CLASSIFIED ADS** are printed free as a service to Gallaudet faculty and staff. They must be submitted in writing only to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-mail VWALTER. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TDD. Ads may be run for a maximum of two weeks, if requested and if space permits. Ads received from Nov. 5-9 will appear in the Nov. 19 issue. Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will be no issue Nov. 26.

**WANTED:** Adult hearing people for speech perception experiment; subjects will be paid if they complete study. Come to Mary Thornberry Building, Room B-3, or call Milo, x7072.

**FOR SALE:** '83 Chevrolet Cavalier, 2-dr., 60K mi., runs great, \$1,000/BO; television entertainment center, \$75/BO. Call Daryl, x5098 (TDD).

**FOR SALE:** Piano, upright by Milton Co., refinished, good cond., \$600/BO. Call Elaine, x5111, or E-mail HR\_EVANCE.

**FOR RENT:** Spacious 1-BR basement apt., 1300 block of Maryland Ave. NE, 10-min. walk to Kendall Green, move-in cond., must see, nonsmoker only, deposit and \$595/mo. plus util. Call Paul Siegel, x5420, or E-mail PSIEGEL.

**FOR SALE:** 12-speed Peugeot bicycle, black, 22 in., new, used once only, inc. water bottle, \$250; 12-speed Raleigh bicycle, dark green, 21 in., exc. cond., \$150. Call Karin Polzin, x5270, or (301) 604-5965 (TDD) after 6 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** 4 American Racing custom wheel rims, serial #225-3549R, size ARE-13 x 15 1/2, good cond., \$350. Call Angela, x5240.

**FOR SALE:** 6-yr.-old teak Scandinavian bed platform w/good quality mattress, headboard, shelves, 2 night tables w/drawers, and 2 under-the-bed drawers, exc. cond., 14-yr. warranty, \$600/BO; 1-yr.-old Raleigh blue cushions for chairs, never used, 6/\$25, or separately; new, never-used luggage, expands 24-48 in. w/a lot of zippers, light blue, famous brand, \$30/BO; Sharp VHS Camcorder w/8x power zoom lens, built-in microphone, 2 videotapes, video bag w/pockets, 2 rechargeable batteries, reg. \$1,200, \$900/BO; Weider exercise bench inc. leg lift and 104-lb. DP barbell set, \$75/BO. Call Jeff, (703) 971-8810 (TDD) anytime.

**FOR SALE:** Grosvenor secretary from early 1900s, mahogany, 3 drawers, library shelves w/glass finish, \$375/neg. Call Norma, (301) 585-2605 (V) after 7 p.m., or leave message.

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